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700 SPEECHES AND PUBLIC ADDRESSES

- 700.1 No person shall be permitted to make or deliver any address, speech, or sermon upon any subject whatever in or upon any street, avenue, alley, footway, highway, or other public space in the District of Columbia without first obtaining a permit in writing from the Chief of Police.
- 700.2 The permit shall designate the time and precise location where the address, speech, or sermon may be given.

AUTHORITY: Unless otherwise noted, the authority for this chapter is An Act approved January 26, 1887, 24 Stat. 368, ch. 49, §1; Commissioners' Order No. 274,310/929 (Commissioners' Minutes), Vol. 70, Page 925, effective September 1, 1949; and 17 DCRR §107, Highway and Traffic Regulations (18 DCMR §2218), October 19, 1970.

SOURCE: Article 2, §3 of the Police Regulations (May 1980).

701 MOBILE SOUND UNITS

- 701.1 Persons wishing to obtain a permit for a mobile sound unit shall submit an application in writing, or in person, to the Chief of Police.
- 701.2 Application for a mobile sound unit permit shall be made two (2) weeks before the permit is to be used.
- 701.3 The applicant shall supply the following information:
- (a) The applicant's full name, address, and phone number;
 - (b) The name of the organization requesting the permit (if any), and the applicant's official position in the organization;
 - (c) The purpose for the sound unit; and

(d) The license number and description of the vehicle to be used.

701.4 Permits shall be issued only for sound units operating for a community, civic, or electoral purpose.

701.5 Permits shall not be issued for commercial advertising purposes.

701.6 All sound units are subject to applicable District laws and regulations governing noise control.

SOURCE: 35 DCRR §106, Special Edition (November 1980).

702 OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

702.1 An applicant shall apply in writing or in person to the Chief of Police two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled religious service.

702.2 Applications that are not made two (2) weeks in advance shall not be considered.

702.3 Each applicant shall be required to supply the following information:

(a) The applicant's full name, address, and phone number;

(b) The exact location where the applicant plans to speak or preach; and

(c) The exact corner (north, south, east, or west) and the intersection, if the applicant wishes to speak on a street corner.

SOURCE: 35 DCRR §107, Special Edition (November 1980).

703 DISPLAY OF THE FLAG

703.1 Where metal staffs for the display of flags are authorized by the Mayor to be placed in the public space in the District of Columbia, those staffs shall be placed and flags displayed only on Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and other days that the Mayor may from time to time designate.

703.2 When a Sunday precedes any of the national holidays set forth in §703.1, the flag staffs may be placed and the flags may be displayed on those staffs from 12:00 noon on the Saturday preceding the holiday.

703.3 If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the staffs may be placed and the flags may be displayed from 12:00 noon on the day preceding that Saturday.

703.4 In no instance shall the staffs or flags be allowed to remain on public space later than 12:00 noon of the day following the day authorized for their use and display, unless the following day is a Sunday. If the following day is a Sunday, the staffs and flags shall be taken down not later than 12:00 noon on the following Monday.

SOURCE: Article 4, §18 of the Police Regulations (November 1980),

704 [RESERVED]

705 PARADES: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 705.1 For purposes of this chapter, a "parade" is any formation, march, or procession consisting of persons, animals, vehicles, or a combination of persons, animals, and vehicles traveling in unison and with a common purpose upon any public street, highway, alley, sidewalk, or other public way, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police Department, in a manner that would normally be in violation of any provision of DCMR Title 18 "Vehicles and Traffic," or any other applicable law or regulation.
- 705.2 A permit shall be issued for a parade when, after consideration of the application and other information that may otherwise be obtained, it appears that the parade will meet the following criteria:
- (a) The conduct of the parade will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other vehicular and pedestrian traffic contiguous to its route;
 - (b) The conduct of the parade will not divert such numbers of police officers from their normal police duties that the city would be deprived of reasonable police protection;
 - (c) The concentration of persons, animals, and vehicles in the assembly and disbanding areas and along the parade route will not substantially interfere with the movement of police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency vehicles on the streets;
 - (d) The parade is scheduled to move from its assembly location to its disbanding location expeditiously and without unreasonable delays enroute;
 - (e) The parade will not substantially interfere with any other parade for which a permit has already been granted;
 - (f) The applicant has provided for the services of the number of parade monitors that the Chief of Police considers reasonably necessary to ensure that the parade will be conducted in conformity with the parade permit;
 - (g) The applicant has not materially misrepresented any facts or information set forth in the application for a parade permit;
 - (h) The applicant has furnished proof that, if the assembly or disbanding locations or the route of march for the parade, encroach upon, occupy, or

traverse any area within the jurisdiction of the federal or local governments, permits or permission have been obtained from the appropriate authorities;

- (i) The parade is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising for private gain any product, merchandise, contest, or event; and
- (j) The parade does not create a substantial possibility of violent, disorderly conduct likely to endanger public safety or to result in significant property damage.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 21 DCR 2476, 2477 (March 31, 1975); 35 DCRR §§100.1, 102.4, Special Edition.

706 APPLICATION FOR A PARADE PERMIT

- 706.1 Any person seeking issuance of a parade permit shall file an application with the Chief of Police on a form issued by the Chief of Police in person or by mail at the Metropolitan Police Department, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.
- 706.2 An application for a permit shall be filed not less than fifteen (15) days before the date on which the parade is proposed to be conducted.
- 706.3 Applications filed less than fifteen (15) days prior to the proposed date of the parade shall receive favorable action only if there is sufficient time to review the application and to coordinate with the parade organizers to resolve questions or problems concerning the application for or the conduct of the parade.
- 706.4 The application for a parade permit shall set forth the following information:
- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the sponsoring organization (if any) and its chief officer;
 - (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant and the person or persons chiefly responsible for the conduct of the parade, if other than the applicant;
 - (c) The purpose of the parade;
 - (d) The date when the parade is to be conducted;
 - (e) The approximate times when the parade is to begin and end, and the approximate times when assembly for, and disbanding of, the parade are to take place;
 - (f) The specific proposed route of the parade;
 - (g) The locations of the assembly area, reviewing stands, and the disbanding area for the parade;

- (h) The approximate number of persons, animals, and vehicles that will constitute the parade;
- (i) A description of the types of animals; the types of vehicles to be used; the number of bands and other musical units and sound trucks to be used; and the number, type, and size of banners, placards, and signs to be used; and
- (j) The number of persons who will be designated to monitor the parade, and the name of the parade marshal in charge.

706.5 If none of the persons listed in §§706.4(a) and (b) of this chapter are located within the Washington metropolitan area, the name, address, and telephone number of a local representative shall be included, if possible.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 21 DCR 2476, 2477 (March 31, 1975); 35 DCRR §§102.1 - 102.3, Special Edition.

707 ISSUANCE OF A PARADE PERMIT

707.1 Action shall be taken upon an application for a parade permit within five (5) days after the filing of the application.

707.2 Final action on an application shall consist of the following:

- (a) Issuance of a permit in accordance with the terms of the application;
- (b) Issuance of a permit in accordance with terms other than those set forth in the application; or
- (c) Rejection of the application by the Chief of Police.

707.3 If an application is rejected, the applicant shall be served with a written notice of rejection at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed date of the parade.

707.4 The notice of rejection shall include specific reasons for the rejection.

707.5 Service of the notice of rejection shall be made personally or by certified mail.

707.6 If the late filing of an application or ongoing negotiations concerning the terms of a permit make it impractical to issue a written notice of rejection at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed date of the parade, every effort shall be made to promptly notify the organizers of the parade once a decision to reject the application has been made; and a written notice of rejection shall be served as soon as reasonably possible.

707.7 Notwithstanding failure of an applicant to receive notice of rejection, no parade shall be conducted without issuance of a permit.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 21 DCR 2476, 2480 (March 31, 1975); 35 DCRR §103, Special Edition.

708 REVOCATION OF A PARADE PERMIT

- 708.1 A parade permit shall be revoked if it is determined that the parade is being conducted in violation of the standards for issuance, as set forth in §705 of this chapter.
- 708.2 If time permits, notices of revocation shall be in writing, with the reasons for revocation specifically set forth.
- 708.3 A copy of the notice of revocation shall be served personally, or delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, if time permits.
- 708.4 If, due to exigent circumstances, it is necessary to revoke a parade permit immediately prior to or during a parade, notice of the revocation may be made orally by the Metropolitan Police Department official responsible for monitoring the parade.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 21 DCR 2476, 2481 (March 31, 1975); 35 DCRR §105, Special Edition.

709 CONTENTS OF A PARADE PERMIT

- 709.1 Parade permits shall contain the following information as relevant:
- (a) The date, assembly area, time for assembly, and starting time of the parade;
 - (b) The specific route plan of the parade;
 - (c) The number of monitors to be furnished by the parade organizer;
 - (d) The number and types of animals and vehicles, and the number of bands, other musical units, and sound trucks, if any;
 - (e) The portion of the street, sidewalk, or other public way that is to be occupied by the parade, and the location of reviewing stands, if any;
 - (f) The number and size of banners, placards, or other devices, consistent with the information filed on the application, and any restrictions concerning the number and size of banners, placards, or other devices;
 - (g) The disbanding area and time for disbanding; and
 - (h) Other information that is reasonably necessary for the conduct of the parade and the enforcement of this chapter.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 21 DCR 2476, 2480 (March 31, 1975); 35 DCRR §§104, Special Edition.

710 - 719 [RESERVED]

720 SPECIAL EVENTS USER FEES

720.1 For purposes of this section, "Special Events" are those activities held on public space such as parades, cultural programs, musical concerts and community activities.

720.2 The following Special Events User Fees shall be as follows:

Department of Human Services, Commission on Public Health

Advanced Medical Aid Station:

Personnel:	Number	Cost for first hour
Nurses	2	\$82.00
Equipment & Supply		
Specialist	1	\$20.00
Medical Supplies and		
Equipment		<u>\$400.00</u>
Total first hour cost		\$502.00
Additional hourly cost:		\$102.00

Basic Medical Aid Station:

Personnel:	Number	Cost for first hour
Nurses	1	\$41.00
Equipment & Supply		
Specialist	1	\$20.00
Medical Supplies and		
Equipment		<u>\$150.00</u>
Total first hour cost		\$211.00
Additional hourly cost:		\$61.00

720.3 If the event requires more than four Medical Aid Stations, for either type of Aid Station, a supervisor from the Office of Emergency Health and Medical Services (OEHMS) will be required.

One OEHMS Supervisor - per hour \$38.00

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department

Over the Counter Permit Fee - to cover the review, research and limited on-site inspection for an over-the-counter permit.

Cost per permit \$44.00

On-site Permit Fee - to cover the time required to perform an inspection of the site and/or the activities or equipment in use during the event that needs to be inspected.

Cost per hour \$44.00

On-site monitoring Fee - to monitor the special event to ensure the safety of the public.
Cost per hour \$44.00

Department of Public Works

Flag Installation and Removal - to cover the cost of installation and removal of flags from city street light poles for special events.
Rate per person per hour \$32.75

Temporary Sign Installation - to cover the cost of installing temporary no parking signs for special events.
Rate per person per hour \$27.61

Clean-up and Trash Removal - to cover the cost of space cleaning and trash removal for special events.
Rate per person per hour \$24.25

Disposable Trash Bags - per bag \$0.35

Metropolitan Police Department

Special Events Fee - to cover the cost of police services for special events
Rate per officer per hour \$32.74

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Special Events Fee - to cover the cost of services provided by the following categories of Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs employees for monitoring health and food practices, safety conditions, and alcoholic beverage control at special events: sanitarians, building inspectors, electrical inspectors, plumbing inspectors, and alcoholic beverage control investigators.
Rate per employee per hour \$21.03

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 43 DCR 6577 (December 13, 1996).